THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) No,Sir. Price which the industry gets is presently about 45% of total cost of wagons.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Setting up of FM Radio Station and HPTV Transmitter at Junagarh

359. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJBHAI CHIKHALIA
SHRI SANAT MEHTA:
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken on the request of the government of Gujarat about setting up of an FM Radio station and a HPTV transmitter at Junagarh so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and how long it will take for the government to come to a decision in the interest of vast area of Saurastra region of the State;

(c) the decision of Government of India about inclusion of this proposal in the next plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to set up a Relay centre with 5 Kw FM Transmitter, Playback Facilities and a High power TV Transmitter in place of the existing Low power TV Transmitter at Junagarh during 9th plan period. However, implementation of the proposal will depend upon availability of adequate furds, other infrasctructural facilities and relative priorities.

Judicial Commission on Railway Safety

360. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:
SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to appoint a Judicial Commission to go into all aspects of railway safety and to make suitable recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether the railway safety aspect is at stake since the past few months ; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The following safety measures have been taken by Railways for further improvement in safety of trains :

1. Priority execution of track circuiting on all the trunk route and main line stations.

2. Change in signalling circuitry to prevent slot being given till starter and advance starter signal for the preceding train have been put back to on position.

3. The track structure has been strengthened. The rails have been converted into long welded rail panels by welding and removing fishplates.

4. The Communication facility between station staff driver and guard of running trains will be provided.

5. For monitoring of the track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscilograph cars and portable accelerometers are being progressively used.

6. The condition of rolling stock has been improved. Four-wheeler wagons are being replaced progressively with better bogie Air -brake stock.

7. To prevent cases of cold breakage of axle, all ROH depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for timely detection of cases of flaws developing in the axles.

8. The training of staff has been given new thrust with better training facilities like projector, slides, study and discussions of accident cases.

9. Simulators have been installed for training of drivers. Two Simulators are working, one each at Kanpur and Tughlakabad. Two more are being imported from Australia.

10. Auxiliary Warning System for giving advance warning about singnals at danger to driver of the running train and stopping the train if the driver does not respond within the pre-determined time interval has already been commissioned on Bombay suburban sections.